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Martha Who? When acclaimed musician and producer Nile Rodgers was invited to collaborate with Martha Byrne (Lily) on the new *Woman Thing Music* CD, to be released next spring, he was skeptical at first. "To be really honest," admits Rodgers, "I had no idea who Martha Byrne was." Telling the world-famous producer that the actress starred on a soap didn't help much. "I said, 'I'm a guy. I watch sports and cartoons and cable,' " he laughs. But once Rodgers heard "soap opera girl" sing for the first time, he was convinced. "She's amazing," he marvels. The admiration is definitely mutual, according to Byrne. Although she reports that working with Rodgers was "pretty intimidating" at first, "we had a *ball*!"

Martha's singing blew Nile's worries away.

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